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Subject: JOHN SODDWIN TOWER;
C. C. REE, UTL,
DALLAS, TEXAS
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1- ENCLOSURE

Approved: G/M

MAR 17 1989

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3/2/89

Mr. Clarke:

RE: JOHN GOODWIN TOWER; [redacted]
UTL CORPORATION, DALLAS, TEXAS;
FAG-DOD;
OO: BALTIMORE

On 3/1/89, the White-Collar Crimes Section was advised by the Baltimore Division that a confidential informant provided allegations of criminal misconduct by Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower.

The informant stated that he/she had recently received information from various contacts in the Defense community, principally [redacted] that Senator Tower had been paid off by [redacted]

The informant has no personal knowledge of any payoffs to Senator Tower; however, he/she identified [redacted] as perhaps knowledgeable of the relationship between [redacted] and Senator Tower.

The informant also indicated that he/she had heard that [redacted] was [redacted] and had used Senator Tower's assistance to resolve the problem.

The Special Inquiry (SPIN) Unit advises that a review of the background investigation file on [redacted] indicates that [redacted] (Senator Tower departed the Senate in January, 1985).

[redacted] had been interviewed twice by Bureau Agents in connection with the SPIN on Senator Tower. He was questioned in detail regarding potential conflicts of interest by Senator Tower as a defense consultant to LTV or British Aerospace, Inc. on the "C-Fin" project, alterations to language in the Defense Authorization Act of 1985 regarding the purchase of mortars, and withholding of derogatory information about Melvyn Paisley from the SASC. [redacted] denied any complicity or irregularities on the part of Senator Tower in any of these areas. He described Senator Tower as "a person of impeccable integrity" and knew of no criminal activity in Senator Tower's past.

- 1 - Mr. Ahlerich
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The Dallas Division has confirmed that UTL is the subject of a pending investigation into disclosure of classified information. Efforts are under way by Dallas to locate and interview former UTL employee [redacted] and UTL [redacted]. Subsequently, WMFO will re-interview [redacted].

On 3/1/89, these allegations were furnished to the White House by the Civil Rights and Special Inquiry Section without disclosing individual or corporate identities.

I will keep you advised of all significant developments.

[redacted]



Washington, D.C. 20530

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MAY 4 1989

John Edwin Tower

MEMORANDUM

TO: [redacted] Unit Chief
Governmental Fraud Unit
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Gerald E. McDowell, Chief
Public Integrity Section
Criminal Division *JMD*

SUBJECT: Allegations Concerning John Tower *le*

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The Public Integrity Section has received the materials you submitted concerning allegations that former Defense Secretary nominee John Tower had received a bribe while he was a United States Senator in return for using his influence to help UTL Corporation, a defense contractor, in negotiating a contract with the Department of Defense. According to your materials, the information concerning this allegation came from a confidential informant who claimed he received it from [redacted]

Based on this information, the FBI conducted interviews of relevant people concerning the allegation. None of the interviews resulted in any information to corroborate the allegation. We asked Special Agent [redacted] whether [redacted] had been asked specifically about this allegation. Special Agent [redacted] said that whereas [redacted] had been interviewed twice during the background investigation of Mr. Tower for his nomination to be Secretary of Defense, he had not been specifically interviewed about this allegation. Special Agent [redacted] further stated that it was the position of the FBI that such an interview would [redacted]

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While we would have preferred that [redacted] be interviewed specifically about this matter, we understand your concerns. Therefore, based upon the information which you have provided, it is the conclusion of the Public Integrity Section that this matter does not warrant prosecution.

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SUBJECT: JOHN GOODWIN TOWER; [REDACTED] DBA UTL, DALLAS, TEXAS;

FAG-DOD; OO: BALTIMORE.

RE BALTIMORE AIRTEL TO WMFO APRIL 19, 1990; AND WMFO TELCALL
TO SSA [REDACTED] MAY 1, 1990 AND MAY 8, 1990.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ON MAY 8, 1990, AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHIEF, CRIMINAL DIVISION, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DECLINED TO PROSECUTE CAPTIONED MATTER.

AUSA [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE ALLEGATIONS
RECEIVED WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED, HE WOULD DECLINE TO PROSECUTE AT
THIS TIME AND NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION WAS WARRANTED. AUSA

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[] STATED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED WERE SO VAGUE THAT TIME OR PLACE OF THE ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. AUSA [] FURTHER STATED THAT OPERATING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT TOWER, AS A U.S. SENATOR AND AS A CONSULTANT, CONDUCTED AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, HE WOULD DECLINE PROSECUTION IN THAT DISTRICT. AUSA [] ADVISED THAT IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE THE CASE SHOULD AGAIN BE PRESENTED TO HIM OR TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT.

AIRTEL AND LHM TO FOLLOW.

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